



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 13

Meeting Date: Friday, November 4, 2011
Meeting Location: Monroe County DCS
1783 W. 3rd Street
Bloomington, IN 47404
Training Room

Council Members Present:

Chairperson and Regional Manager Nicole Henderson; Director Harmony Gist, Monroe County; Chris Gaal, Monroe County Prosecutor; Director Debbie Dailey, Brown County; Director Sonya Seymour, Owen County; Director Cami Terry, Lawrence County; Heather Hughes, FCM Lawrence County;

Council Members Absent:

Judge Stephen Galvin, Monroe County Circuit Court; Judge Eric Allen, Greene County Circuit Court; Heather Hughes, FCM Lawrence County; Kelli Deckard, FCM Monroe County; Jim Johnson, Monroe County Foster Parent; Jackie Haddix, Supervisor Greene County; Samantha Flath, Greene County CASA

Welcome / Introductions:

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Nicole Henderson. Self introductions by all in attendance were made and concluded.

The minutes of the 9/9/11 were reviewed. Nicole Henderson stated there are corrections to the service providers selected at the 9/9/11 meeting. Darcy provided the corrections by email and they are as follows:

Life Solutions - counseling.

Joni Reagan - counseling, substance use disorder assessment, sex offender treatment

Father Forever Coalition - counseling

Cedarbridge - counseling, substance use disorder assessment, substance use outpatient treatment, domestic violence batterer's treatment, sex offender treatment,

The Villages - counseling

Connections Inc - diagnostic and evaluation

Life Recover Associates - domestic violence batterer's intervention

Nonviolent Alternatives - domestic violence batterer's intervention

Kirkman and Associates Inc - sex offender treatment

Ireland - sex offender treatment

Sonya Seymour moved to accept the 9/9/11 minutes with the corrections. Cami Terry 2nd. There was no discussion. Call to vote resulted in the motion carried.

Community Partners – Ireland Home Based Services:

Community Partners (CP) reports are posted on the IHBS website. Region 13 received a total of 112 referrals since September 1, 2011 with 80 families being served. There were 57 referrals during the month of September. Of these referrals, 3 cases came from Brown County, 9 from Greene County, 15 from Lawrence County, 25 from Monroe County, and 5 from Owen County.

CP was over budget for September, which is the reason for the priority list. Due to the influx of referrals a priority list was started effective 8/26/11. When CP receives a referral, the need is assessed from 1-3. Discuss with the FCM the concerns and assign a1 – immediate need – homeless, no food etc...same day response; 2 – ASAP, same day not necessary ie...child acting out, given resources in the meantime and will re-contact in 1-2 weeks; or 3 – no immediate needs ie...struggling in school, struggling in home with behavior, provide resources. As of 9/9/11, 21 families were on priority list.

CP budget target for July was 8% and ended in 9.6%. Projected August numbers will result in increased expenditures and the need for the priority lists. There are the same budget concerns in Region 16 and 17. Nikki Henderson states there also has been an influx of assessments in August.

Prevention Services subcontract reports are posted on the IHBS website. Discussion was held regarding the upcoming funding for Community Partners and Prevention Subcontracts which will begin 7/1/12. Current funding is approximately \$650,000 for Community Partners and Prevention and funding for FY12 will be approximately \$515,000. A minimum of 60% of this funding is to be allocated to CP. With the current budget IHBS has had to go to a priority list to stretch the budget. IHBS states that 2 regions they serve currently put all the funding to CP direct service.

Mike Singleton and Natalie Kassenbrock provided an overview of Community Partners stating it is a free service, which is home based and goal oriented. Families can access the services through self-referral, DCS, schools, doctors and others. They assist the family within a 3 month time linking them up with long term services in the community. The goal is to prevent families from becoming involved with DCS or Probation.

Harmony Gist asked about data trends in regards to Community Partners vs the Prevention subcontracts. Natalie stated the contracts are outcome based and she could pull data to provide to the council. CP data shows that 98% of those families with 8 or more face to face contacts haven't had an open case in DCS in a 12 month period after receiving services.

Sonya Seymour asked if all the funds were allocated to CP would they be spent. Mike Singleton responded that to date they haven't advertised CP and without this we are already over budget. He believes there are opportunities and needs in the community that the funds would be utilized.

It was suggested and agreed that Ireland should notify subcontracts of the possible reduction or no funding for the upcoming funding year.

Regional Finances - Steve Adams

Steve Adams reports Region 13 expenditures for the first 4 months of the fiscal year. We are seeing an increase in institutions. In September there is a spike in reimbursements due to a receipt of reimbursements from the federal level. Child Welfare was 3% below target through October. Probation went over target for all 5 counties of 10%. Revenue was 48% which resulted in a 31% of target through October. During the first fiscal year that funds were taken over by the state Probation's expenditures were \$2.6 million, \$3.1 million in the last fiscal year and allocation for this fiscal year is \$3 million. Local Office Directors continue to communicate with Probation.

Biennial Regional Service Strategic Plan – Darcy Durbin

Darcy Durbin, Regional Services Coordinator for Region 13 stated there have been 3 work group meetings to date regarding the Biennial Regional Strategic Plan. The next meeting will be 11/10 at 10AM. The work group will review the recent survey sent out to stakeholders. There was a low response to the survey across the state. There were 123 responses for Region 13. Of those responses 33% were DCS; 18.7 were services providers; 13.8 were regarding education; and a small percentage of "others". Darcy presented a brief overview of the results of the survey.

Regional Service Needs:

Lawrence County and Monroe County are requesting Diagnostic and Evaluation services from Resource. They currently provide Sex Offender Treatment to the region. DCS and Probation are requesting this service. Cami Terry made a motion to utilize this service. There was a second from Harmony Gist. There was a call for vote and the motion was carried.

There was a request to utilize Foster Care Select for placement. County had an 18 year old with behavior and health issues and Foster Care Select had a home that would meet his needs. Cami Terry made a motion to utilize Foster Care Select. Sonya Seymour seconded. Motion carried.

Owen County requested Drug Treatment services from Family Services in Marion County. They have a family how has moved to Marion County in need of these services. Cami Terry made a motion to utilize Family Services. Chris Gaal seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Monroe County Prosecutor, Chris Gaal provided an overview and media release regarding a new partnership with the Monroe County Clerk, Prosecutor and other agencies. The clerk is providing private are for individuals to request a civil protective order. Interns and volunteers from IU are assisting as well as Middle Way volunteers.

Darcy Durbin presented Youth Villages a pilot program to begin in the region in December. This program is intensive homebased services to prevent children from coming into care as well as connecting youth.

Next Meeting and Adjournment